

“From Struggle to Triumph to Tomorrow” Literary Contest Form



Your Information:

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Zip: _____
Telephone number: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Current Grade Level: ☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th

School Information

School District: _____
Name of School: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Sponsor Teacher: _____
Teacher's e-mail address: _____

Each submission must be received online at www.administration.virginia.gov or by U.S. mail, accompanied by contest form to:

VACRM Literary Contest
C/o Secretary of Administration
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

All submissions must be received on or before **May 30, 2008**.

Eligibility

The “**From Struggle to Triumph to Tomorrow**” High School Literary Contest is open to all Virginia students in grades 9-12.

Previously published works are ineligible.

Literary Prompt

From Struggle to Triumph to Tomorrow: In what ways are our schools better off today as a result of the efforts of Barbara Johns and her classmates? What is your generation’s contribution to ensure Barbara Johns’ legacy continues?

Please respond in an essay or poem. Relevant subject matter knowledge must be evident in the submission.

Essay Requirements

Essays should be 800-1,000 words, typed. Students must produce their own work. All references must be clearly noted and must appear as parenthetical citations, endnotes or footnotes. Materials used for research that are not cited in the student's essay must be listed on a bibliography page.

Poetry Requirements

Poetry should be no longer than 400 words, typed. Students must produce their own work.

Judging Criteria

Relevance and Understanding (0-35 Points)

Originality in approach and treatment of the topic (0-30 points)

Clarity and effectiveness and/or mastery of poetic expression (0-25 points)

Evidence of research (0-10 points)

Submissions

Each submission must be accompanied by the “**From Struggle to Triumph to Tomorrow**” Contest Entry Form.

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All entries become the property of the Virginia Civil Rights Memorial Foundation and will not be returned.

Winners will be notified via email and/or U.S. mail by June 27, 2008.

Student Awards

First Place: \$1,000

The first place winner will receive reserved seating with their parent(s) or guardian(s) at the Virginia Civil Rights Memorial Symposium and Unveiling, held in Richmond, Virginia July 20-21, 2008 and will present their submission at the Symposium. Additionally, the winner will receive a Governor's award and publication on the Civil Rights Memorial Foundation website.

Second Place: \$750

The second place winner will receive a Governor's Award and publication on the Civil Rights Memorial Foundation website.

Third Place: \$500

The third place winner will receive a Governor's Award and publication on the Civil Rights Memorial Foundation website.

Sponsor Teacher Award

The sponsoring teacher of the first place winner receives reserved seating at the Virginia Civil Rights Memorial Symposium and Unveiling, held in Richmond, Virginia July 20-21, 2008. Also, the teacher will receive a \$250 award for classroom materials and a Governor's award.